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The Honorable Joseph E. Brennan
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State Capitol
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Dear Governor Brennan:

I am priveleged to have been appointed to a National Committee to help secure the designation of April 15-21, 1984 as National Coin Week.

My most important priority on this committee is to urge the honorable Governor of the State of Maine to support our national efforts by proclaiming the 3rd week of April, "National Coin Week in Maine."

Congressman Frank Annunzio of Illinois has introduced a resolution in the House calling for such recognition, citing over eight million Americans who collect coins and more than 800 local coin clubs scattered across all 50 states and overseas military installations.

"We all recognize the intrinsic value of a coin. But coins are as symbolic as well", Annunzio said. "We have all thrown a penny into a fountain, wishing for good luck in life for ourselves and our friends. We have donated coins to charities to excercise good will toward our fellow man. Even flipping a coin to resolve a dispute between friends is a common occurrence."

"The spirit of camaraderie is apparent throughout numismatic circles. Through publications and conventions, coin collectors gather to share friendship and examine coins of interest and value. National Coin Week encourages coin collecting by publicizing a wonderful hobby and occupation." "Numismatics promotes friendship and understanding among all people," Annunzio concluded.

On behalf of Maine's coin collectors and more than a dozen coin clubs, I would be most pleased if you would accommodate our National Committee's request by issuing a proclamation from your office proclaiming the week of April 15-21 as National Coin Week in Maine.

Sincerely yours,

Archie A. Black

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